

## Letter and enclosure from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, April 20, 1901

Volta Bureau, April 20, 1901. Dear Mabel: —

Much troubled to find no evidence in your telegram, or letters, (last letter recd. dated April 5 from Naples) that you have received my letters and enclosures, or anything from me since you left Paris. You do not seem to know that the London lecture has been postponed until next year, so that there is nothing to call me to Europe unless you absolutely need me, and I must say that I don't feel like running over simply for the purpose of spending a few days and then coming back again across the Atlantic unless there is some real necessity for it.

Cablegram just received, says: —

From "Taormina Please nepos Germany return Baddeck June 1st Felix Grand Syracuse"

Which I translate to mean: —

"Please meet me in Germany return Baddeck June First Telegraph health of yourself Grand Hotel Syracuse"

To this I have therefore telegraphed to the Grand Hotel Syracuse, as follows; April 19th: —

"London lecture postponed till next year, will remain America till you return. Grace sails tomorrow steamer Vaterland. All well. Alec".

If you and Daisy are going to Germany won't you make a purchase for me there, which will cost less than my trip across the Atlantic both ways. I enclose the titlepage of a bookseller and antiquarian in Berlin, W. H. Kühl, Yägerstrasse, No. 73, Berlin W. He has published a

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bibliographie of aeronautics containing the names of books, pamphlets and papers relating to aerial navigation THAT HE HAS FOR SALE with prices attached. The mere index of titles takes up fifty-one pages. Now I want to make a collection of literature relating to this subject.

Won't you buy me a library expending upon it the price of my interrupted visit to Europe: I wonder whether you will get this letter. I have written a good deal to you and it is rather disheartening to have no certainty that you receive the letters in a reasonable time.

Your cypher cablegrams have not been a success. The following have been received but not understood: —

“Naples April 7, 1901. Bell, Washington, D. C. Easter greetings. (Signed) Proto Rouheld”.

None of us could make out what is meant by Proto Rouheld. Bert suggests “Photo withheld”. Thinking it may have something to do with a photograph promised by Mrs. Hubbard to Mr. Hornblower in relation to the Memorial building. Hornblower has not done a thing concerning the plans because he has been waiting for the promised photograph from Mrs. Hubbard, which he has been waiting for the promised photograph from Mrs. Hubbard, which has not arrived.

Charlie cabled to your mother about it, but received no reply, and so everything relating to the Memorial building is still at a standstill.

Another cablegram from “Palermo”, dated April 12, 1901, to Graham Bell, Washington, D. C., says: —

“Alienatio Syracuse Tuesday (Signed) Plorio”.

Which I translate as follows: —

“Arrived here all well. Leave for Syracuse Tuesday”.

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But "Plorio" is unintelligible.

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National Academy meeting just over. I read a paper before the Academy relating to sheep experiments. Have been working very hard for the last two days, and not having my wife here to look after me have been up all night for two or three nights. This is Saturday and I feel the need of a rest. Bert and Elsie are going to take me off to Atlantic city this evening to spend Sunday quietly at the seaside, returning Monday.

April 21, 1901. Dear Mrs. Bell: —

Dr. Bell decided to go to Atlantic City for Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Grosvenor, and had to hurry off to catch the train, and has asked me to send you a line, and mail this. He intended to write to you himself, but says he will do so at Atlantic City.

Last evening notice came from the Western Union that the cable we sent dated April 19, to Syracuse has not been delivered as the addressee is unknown. I am sorry for Dr. Bell felt anxious to communicate with you. It is very unsatisfactory isn't it not to be able to get into better communication.

Dr. Bell has been working pretty hard at night lately. He gets interested and works until pretty late,(or early.) If he would not do this I think he would be all right. He was getting up his sheep lecture for the national Academy and had to make some charts,

Your second cable from Syracuse has just come and will be repeated to Dr. Bell.

Will be very glad to see you. Sincerely, Bessie A. Safford.

P. S. Dear Mrs. Bell: — We are trying to take as good care as possible of Mr. Bell, and now that he has decided not to sit up so late I think he will be all right. I think he is as

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comfortable at the V. B. as he could be anywhere. Have just talked with him over the long distance telephone at Atlantic City. He will stay there probably until tomorrow. B.A.S.

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